

March 2002 Newsletter

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Liontide Greetings:

Although March isn't really roaring in like a full grown lion, yet...  
Having just come up from the Everglades and Keys Largo and West, and still exhilarated from swimming with the dolphins, New Jersey seems cold enough for me!

If you're cold, you'll soon be able to warm up at RVAA's March 18th meeting, 7:30 pm at the Somerset County Library, when Margaret Crawford will be doing a watercolor demo. You'll be mightily entertained and learn a lot from Margaret, a multi-award winner and past President of the New Jersey Water Color Society. RVAAers last month were totally entranced with the watercolor pouring painting demonstration by our own Ruth Wilson, and we thank her for a good, and informative evening! Our thanks again to Debbie Tintle for as usual providing us with great programs.

Some of you may not realize it, however, but Debbie Tintle has been getting RVAA's demonstrators for a long time. And as President Linda Arnold points out, we do need volunteers to help RVAA. Debbie wouldn't mind some help, or even a new program chair, after 20(?) years. And Linda shouldn't have to tote the mylar screen and the coffee pot continually. I'm okay with the newsletter and our holiday show so far, but what about volunteers to get programs, for hospitality, for judged shows, and for being the video library chair? Helloooooo?

Now Debbie Hughes is chairing the Big Apple Bus Trip again--thank goodness and Debbie, and it will probably be the last Saturday in April. Final details at our NEXT meeting--the exact date and how much to pay. It's ALWAYS the cheapest, easiest, and most fun way to get to New York City, to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Watercolor Society Show.

Refreshments for that March meeting, by the way, will be provided by Bertie Blockley and Barbara Briden.

Forms already went out to Bridgewater township artists and to those who take watercolor with Bridgewater township teachers, and the Township

Art Show is up March 4--April 1 at the Bridgewater Municipal Building, 700 Garretson Road. Everyone is invited to the reception Saturday, March 16th 1:30-4:00. Otherwise the show is open 9-5 Monday-Friday.

The Bernardsville Public Library, 1 Andersonville Rd, Bernardsville, will be having a juried exhibit with receiving being April 1st from noon until 3. Kathy Palmer, 766-1576, is the one to phone for an application or further information.

#### MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

JO COUDERT, artist and author, has had the honor and pleasure of her play A FUNNY OLD WIFE or "Long Lost Love" performed at the Phillips Mill Playhouse in New Hope, Pennsylvania, Feb. 22,23, and 24th and also March 1 and 2. (this editor has heard glowing reports about the production).

In addition to last month's news of Somerset Art Association's show "Reflections" CAROL STAUB, LINDA McCAUSLAND, and MARGE BRAUN were also in the show, and their work, and Gay Billich's will be in the "continued" part of the show at the Clarence Dillon Public Library, Bedminster, NJ, which runs from February 25 to April 25th, 2002. The library is at 2336 Lamington Road.

JOAN McKINNEY was selected for the Hunterdon Museum Members Exhibition 1/13/02-2/24/02, and is in the Gallery Petite Juried Art Exhibition "Inspirations" in High Bridge, and in Gallery One's "Most Popular Artists" Show in High Bridge. She is teaching for SAA and will be demonstrating for the Hunterdon Watercolor Society March 4th. Joan also participated in the "Art for Freedom Exhibition" and her painting was selected for the 2003 calendar. Her work will also be next in Gallery One's Floral Exhibition.

NONA RUTTER is in the six person show at the Morristown Unitarian Church on Normandy Heights Boulevard, Morristown, from February 9th through March 10th. The reception was February 17th. Nona is also in "Painters of Light & Shadow", with an opening reception Sunday, March 3rd from 1--4 pm, with Debbie Seymour, Elissa Prystauk, and Susan Donnell. This show is at the Bernardsville Public Library, 1 Anderson Hill Rd, Bernardsville.

CAROL STAUB was accepted into "Women in the Visual Arts"--10th Annual juried show, Boca Raton, Florida;1/12--2/22; Lake Worth Art League Gallery's "Impressions/Expressions Exhibit in Lake Worth, Fla. 1/13--2/11; and Vero Beach Art Club 14th Annual "Art by the Sea" Exhibition, Vero Beach, Fla. 1/31--2/3. Carol is also participating in the show at the Vero Beach Art & framing Gallery, in Port St. Lucie, in February.

DEBBIE TINTLE won the Winston Churchill Painting Award in the Missouri National Watercolor Exhibition 2001 Show in the Winston Churchill Memorial and Library, Fulton, Missouri. She was accepted into the juried Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine International Exhibition on Animals in Art. Debbie was also elected as an official United States Coast Guard Artist.

RUTH WILSON had a one woman show of her en plein air sketches in watercolors, pen/ink, and pastels done in France and on other travels, in the Somerset County Library in February. Ruth was awarded the Liquitex Award at the Festival of Arts presented by the Bald Eagles Art League in Williamsport, PA. Ruth also teaches for SAA and was in the special "Art for Freedom" Exhibition. She demonstrated for the Bound Brook Women's Club (as well as for us).

Thank you for your news; it makes your Newsletter really newsworthy!